

Carlsbad Police Department PRESS RELEASE

Crime/Incident:	Burglary and Arson Conviction	Case: 10-0693
Date:	February 3, 2010	Time: 0150
Location:	Aviara Oaks Elementary School, 6900 Ambrosia Lane	
Suspect 1:	Male Juvenile	Age: 16
Suspect 2:		Age:
Victim 1:	Aviara Oaks Elementary, Carlsbad Unified School District	Age:
Victim 2:		Age:

Summary:

During the early morning hours of February 3, the suspect entered the Aviara Oaks teachers' lounge area by throwing a metal grate through a window. Once inside, the juvenile vandalized numerous vending machines. Before exiting the building, the suspect started a fire on a couch in the room which caused extensive damage to the interior of the building.

Fire and Police personnel were dispatched and the fire was contained to the single building. Arson investigators from Carlsbad Fire estimated the loss at over \$250,000.

Carlsbad investigators, with assistance from a School Resource Officer, were able to identify a suspect and to execute multiple search warrants in search of evidence relating to the crime. The juvenile was arrested for the crimes of burglary and arson on March 18, 2010 and was being held in the San Diego County Juvenile Detention Facility pending trial.

On April 14, 2010, the juvenile admitted culpability for the fire and damages and plead guilty to felony charges of 452 P.C. – Unlawfully/Recklessly Causing a Fire. Sentencing is pending and it is expected that the juvenile may face two years in custody.

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